

Remarks

Interview Summary

On Wednesday, August 10, 2005, Examiner Duc T Doung and Applicants' representative Jeffery D. Baxter held a telephone conference and discussed the Examiner's rejection of Claims 11-12, 14-18, 20-21, 24, 26, 37-38, 40-44, 53-54, 56-60, 62-65, and 67-71 under 35 U.S.C. § 112. During the interview, the Examiner agreed to withdraw the § 112 rejection and indicated that Claims 11-12 and 37-38 are allowable and that Claims 17-18, 43-44, 59-60, and 65 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Although Applicants believe all claims as written are allowable over the prior art, Applicants have amended the claims to expedite allowance.

Claims Amendments

Applicants cancel Claims 20-21, 24, 26, 53-54, and 67-71 and amend Claims 14-17, 40-43, 56-59, and 62-25. As a result, Claims 11-12, 14-18, 37-38, 40-44, 56-60, and 62-65 are in condition for allowance.

Independent Claim 11 and Dependent Claim 12

Applicants have not amended Claims 11 and 12, and thus, they remain in condition for allowance.

Independent Claim 17 and Dependent Claims 14-16 and 18

Applicants cancel independent Claim 67 and amend Claim 17 to re-write it in independent form by incorporating all the limitations of its base Claim 67. Thus, Claim 17 is in condition for allowance.

Applicants amend Claims 14-16 to depend from Claim 17 as opposed to canceled Claim 67. As a result, dependent Claims 14-16 and 18 are in condition for allowance.

Independent Claim 37 and Dependent Claim 38

Applicants have not amended Claims 37 and 38, and thus, they remain in condition for allowance.

Independent Claim 43 and Dependent Claims 40-42 and 44

Applicants cancel independent Claim 68 and amend Claim 43 to re-write it in independent form by incorporating all the limitations of its base Claim 68. Thus, Claim 43 is in condition for allowance.

Applicants amend Claims 40-42 to depend from Claim 43 as opposed to canceled Claim 68. As a result, dependent Claims 40-42 and 44 are in condition for allowance.

Independent Claim 59 and Dependent Claims 56-58 and 60

Applicants cancel independent Claim 70 and amend Claim 59 to re-write it in independent form by incorporating all the limitations of its base Claim 70. Thus, Claim 59 is in condition for allowance.

Applicants amend Claims 56-58 to depend from Claim 59 as opposed to canceled Claim 70. As a result, dependent Claims 56-58 and 61 are in condition for allowance.

Independent Claim 65 and Dependent Claims 62-64

Applicants cancel independent Claim 71 and amend Claim 65 to re-write it in independent form by incorporating all the limitations of its base Claim 71. Thus, Claim 65 is in condition for allowance.

Applicants amend Claims 62-64 to depend from Claim 65 as opposed to canceled Claim 71. As a result, dependent Claims 62-64 are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this Application in condition for allowance. For at least the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the Examiner is invited to contact Jeffery D. Baxter, Attorney for Applicants, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6791.

Although Applicants believe no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,
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